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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 2: PRE-LICENSE END USE CHECK ON APPLICATION 05-893416

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¶1. (U) Post Military Assistance Program office (MAP) personnel have inquired discreetly about the end use of the commando rifles for which PM/DTCC has received the subject license application. We can confirm that the rifles are destined to Jordan's counter-terrorism (CT) forces. Given that CT forces are highly trained and specialized, with each individual operator potentially having 5-10 weapons assigned to him, we do not believe that the quantity of rifles in the three consignments is incommensurate with the needs of the CT team.

¶2. (U) The Special Forces counter-terrorism team comprises approximately 500 personnel, within an overall Special Forces Command of about 5,000 personnel. In addition, Royal Guard forces are a separate specialized security force that includes approximately 2,000 soldiers. Captain Daghistani is responsible for research, development, and testing of new weapons. Weapons procured by the King's military office go to either the Royal Guard or the appropriate unit of the Special Forces Command.

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